and mega projects to the Department of Programme Implementation in the beginning of each financial year. The Prime Minister has recently started reviewing projects having high cost and time overruns with the concerned Ministers to expedite their implementation. Instructions have also been recently issued that milestones lists for all newly sanctioned projects should be furnished immediately after approval of such projects to Department of Programme Implementation for being reviewed by the Prime Minister with the concerned Ministers alongwith projects with high cost and time overruns.

(b) Yes Sir.

Modification of Scientific Policy Resolution

1508. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Scientific Policy Resolution of March, 1958 has since been modified; if so, what is the present position in this regard;

(b) whether Technology Policy statement of 1983 is still operational; if not, the present position thereof; and

(c) whether changes in the Industrial Policy now proposed are in keeping with the objectives of the Scientific Policy Resolution of March, 1958 and Technology Policy of 1983?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) No, Sir. The Scientific Policy Resolution (SPR) of March, 1958 is still valid.

(b) Yes, Sir. The Technology Policy Statement (TPS) of 1983 is operational.

(c) Within the broad framework of the existing industrial policy of the Government of India as enunciated in the Industrial Policy Resolution of 1956 and as elaborated from time to time, the Government has recently taken some decisions which have been enunciated in a paper laid on the Table of both Houses of Parliament on 31st May, 1990. The paper is entitled "Policy Measures for the promotion of small scale and agro-based industries and changes in procedures for industrial approvals." These measures have been postulated to improve the climate and procedures for investment and production, taking note of the present industrial environment nationally and internationally. They do not affect the basic aspects enunciated in the Scientific Policy resolution of 1958 and Technology Policy Statement of 1983. In the detailed implementation of the new industrial policy measures, it will be ensured that the approaches enunciated in the SPR and TPS are fully valid.

Use of Army in Tackling Law and Order Problem

1509. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the statement of General V. N. Sharma, former Chief of the Army Staff opposing the use of Army in tackling law and order problem and suggesting raising special force to be managed by Army officers on deputation to it for this purpose; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) and (b) Government are not aware of any statement purported to have been made by General V. N. Sharma (Retired). However, the Chief of the Army Staff has proposed the creation of a dedicated and specialised force comprising largely serving and/or retired Army personnel, to look after *inter alia* rear area security and also for strengthening counter-insurgency measures, especially in the border areas. Government have accepted this proposal in principle.